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BIG ISLAND INMATE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKLINES HELPING BOTTOM LINES FOR STATE, COUNTY AND NON-PROFITS

HILO – Inmates working on the Community Service Worklines from the Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC) in Hilo and Kulani Correctional Facility (KCF) in Kulani have contributed labor to State, County and non-profit agencies valued at \$449,689.80 in fiscal year 2003-2004 according to statistics released today by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). A total of 23,398 worker-hours were committed to the Community Service type projects.

Statewide, the Community Service Worklines contributed 199,275 worker-hours for a total value of \$2,756,133.26 in fiscal year 2003-2004.

“The Worklines program provides an excellent opportunity for inmates to do something constructive for the community,” said John F. Peyton, Jr., director of the Department of Public Safety. “Participating in the Worklines program also allows inmates to get out of the cellblock during the day and still have time for training in the evening that will help them get back into society.”

The Worklines program provides supervised community custody level inmates who perform work that many agencies do not have the manpower to deal with.

The HCCC Community Service Worklines provides inmate crews to clean beaches, parks and highways for the county and state, stocks shelves for food banks and helps people building homes on Hawaiian Home Lands with labor and carpenter work. Among the bigger projects the HCCC Worklines has taken part in include helping the Pana`ewa Rainforest Zoo in Hilo save thousands of dollars by constructing three rock walls and building monkey cages for the facility.

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Last year, HCCC inmates helped in a combined effort of federal, state and county governments and the University of Hawaii in trying to eradicate the coqui frog from Lava Tree Park in the Nanawale Forest Reserve.

The KCF Community Service Worklines not only provides labor for beach and park clean ups, but also pitches in with bulldozers and trucks and other heavy equipment for big projects.

One such project that will begin soon is a partnership with the county of Hawaii to re-pave Stainback Road. Another partnership is a unique consortium of State and Federal agencies, such as the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, the U.S. Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kamehameha Schools and non-profits that seeks to preserve the slopes of Mauna Loa. One of those projects requires Worklines crews to build fences around rare species of trees and plants in designated Park Service areas.

HCCC AND KCF COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKLINES PROJECTS

HCCC	FY 2003-2004
City and County Projects	20
# of inmates	199
# of worker-hours	2,480
Est labor value	<u>\$34,412.40</u>
State Projects	33
# of inmates	316
# of worker-hours	8,172
Est. labor value	<u>\$11,427.36</u>
Non-Profit Projects	24
# of inmates	213
# of worker-hours	3,964
Est. labor value	<u>\$55,018.32</u>
Total worker-hours	14,346
Total Est. labor value	<u>\$100,858.08</u>

KCF	FY 2003-2004
Federal Projects	14
# of inmates	111
# of worker-hours	5,24
Est labor value	<u>\$232,967.47</u>
City and County Projects	3
# of inmates	37
# of worker-hours	915
Est labor value	<u>\$28,380.09</u>

State Projects	6
# of inmates	53
# of worker-hours	847
Est. labor value	<u>\$12,047.19</u>
Non-Profit Projects	18
# of inmates	188
# of worker-hours	1,866
Est. labor value	<u>\$75,436.97</u>
Total worker-hours	9,052
Total Est. labor value	<u>\$348,831.72</u>

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